

## How can parents help with GCSE Geography?



### **Get to know the course**

[www.aqa.org.uk](http://www.aqa.org.uk) Follow these links:

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From here you can look at the course content for each module in the **Specification**.

Students do not study all of the topics. On paper 1 we study The Restless Earth, The Coastal Zone and Water on the Land. On paper 2 we study Changing Urban Environments, Population Change and Tourism. You can print off the relevant course content pages and ask your child to tell you about the different sections.

**Past Papers** – questions papers and mark schemes for the last three years are available both from teachers and on the AQA website. You can ask your child to work through them. They will have done some in school but it doesn't matter if they do them again. Teachers will happily provide feedback on any handed in.

**How to revise Geography** - Geography is very content heavy. To achieve well Students must learn a lot of key terms and processes for each topic. We will be asking Students to produce a glossary for each topic and you can test them on the meanings of the key words. Key words will also be highlighted in revision guides.

Students also need to learn their case studies off by heart. They must learn specific factual detail. Students lose marks in exams by listing vague points and not showing detailed knowledge of case studies. Some newspaper or internet articles can prove useful as extra information.

**How to write a good answer** - Students must aim to gain high marks on longer questions worth 4 or more marks. To do this they must give fully explained answers. It is useful to use PEE (Point, Example, Explain) similar what Students use in English. Students must not list ideas. They must explain each point fully and clearly.

**Organising notes** - It is important at this stage that Students can find all their books from Y10 and earlier. They should start a separate folder divided into six sections – one for each topic. They can then store their revision notes and practise questions and use these for revision close to the exam.

Pupil's should start their revision after February half term and should aim to start learning facts off by heart at least one hour per week. Help on how to revise can be found on the Bridlington School website under 'GCSE Geography'.

The Geography Department will offer a series of drop in sessions after half term, however Students must come to these armed with questions or specific information they wish to clarify.

### **Revision websites can be useful**

[www.s-cool.co.uk](http://www.s-cool.co.uk) (information summary sheets, multiples choice tests and practice exam questions)

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize) (topic reviews and mini tests)

Revision websites are useful for learning key ideas and key words. They must not be used alone and they will not always provide enough detail for Students entering the higher tier paper.

Revision books will be available for purchase from the Geography department after February half term.